

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

- Please replace the 1st paragraph on page 1, as amended by the September 8, 2003 Preliminary Amendment, with the following re-written paragraph:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/755,906, filed on January 5, 2001, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,616,627, which claims the benefit of the filing date ~~priority~~ under 35 USC §119(e)(1) to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/174,876, filed on January 7, 2000, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.